

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (April 29) seized about 80 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$80 million at Tai Kok Tsui.

During an anti-narcotics operation conducted in Tai Kok Tsui yesterday evening, Customs officers intercepted two men and found the batch of suspected cocaine inside two suitcases carried by them. The two men, aged 18 and 28, were then arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

Along with two another serious narcotics cases detected earlier this month, Customs officers have seized about 421 kilograms of suspected cocaine in total with an estimated market value of over \$400 million. Customs will continue to investigate whether the three cases are connected.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to the Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

